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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). A copy of each of the patent documents also is enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified divisional application. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless,

the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

#### REMARKS

This Information Disclosure Statement cites information, which is of record in the parent application.

U.S. Patent No. 6,493,516 B2 issued on December 10, 2002, from Application No. 09/900,944 and U.S. Patent No. 6,418,290 B1 issued on July 9, 2002 from Application No. 09/697,715, both of which were cited in the parent application.

Japanese Patent Document No. 9-62072 is discussed at least at page 3, line 12, et. seq. of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,835,828 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document No. 9-62072.

Japanese Patent Document No. 8-272200 is discussed at least at page 3, line 5, et. seq. of the specification.


#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited patent documents and that an annotated copy of the citation Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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